Spurious drug manufactures

†646. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of drug manufacturers who have been arrested for manufacturing spurious medicines or substandard medicines from various States during the last year;

(b) the number of such drug manufacturers arrested for the above act during 2004 and 2005, State-wise;

(c) the number of such arrested drug manufacturers against whom cases have been registered in the courts; and

(d) the percentage of these criminals punished by the courts, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) According to the information made available by State Drugs Control Authorities, in the year 2004-05 a total number of 49287 samples were tested all over the country out of which 3695 samples were declared 'Not of Standard Quality' and 144 samples Spurious. A total of 23 arrests are reported to have been made and the total number of prosecutions launched in the year is 373.

Since legal proceeding take considerable time to conclude it will not be feasible at this stage to provide information in respect of punishment accorded for cases launched in 2004-05 against persons apprehended dealing in manufacture or sale of spurious drugs.

Awareness drive on population control

647. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are carrying out awareness drive on population issues in some States recently;

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